

proper way to vote on this amendment would be in two parts. It deals with two sections, and they are separable.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I would like to appeal the ruling of the Chair and perhaps call to the parliamentarian's attention that it seems to me if we do divide the question—

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): If the first part failed, the other part would obviously be dropped, I assume.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: What would happen if the first part were adopted. If the first part were adopted, it would seem to me the second part would also provide for county elections in 1971, whereas the first part would have provided for county elections in 1970. I do not believe that Amendment No. 14 is in fact divisible.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Even if there is an inconsistency, which there is, the Chair has ruled that it is divisible. If you want to appeal the ruling, you have that right.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: At the proper time, when the question is presented to the body, I will appeal the ruling of the Chair.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): All right.

Anyone wishing to speak for the amendment now?

Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee: We are not trying to be separatists about this, but I would like to state what I believe to be the position of the Baltimore City delegates and make a suggestion to them.

Number one, the City does not want its election to take place at the same time when the state election is taking place.

Number two, Baltimore City does not want to change its present election cycle, nor in 1971 and each four years thereafter.

Number three, most of the delegates from Baltimore City are ill-disposed to force the counties to follow the will of the City of Baltimore when Baltimore City itself is asking for an exception.

I have this proposal to make to my fellow delegates from Baltimore City.

On this impending vote, withhold your vote. Watch the board with respect to what

the counties appear to want, and if discernible go along with the majority. I think that is about the fairest way to approach it.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair is looking for someone who wants to speak for the amendment. Is there such a person?

The Chair recognizes Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I would like to speak for it, because the best solution we have on the board would be a better solution.

I suggest in this case the advice of the Parliamentarian to the Chair is not as reliable as it has been in the past.

This is obviously one substantive issue. Delegate Gallagher's remarks make that perfectly clear.

Baltimore City does not want to impose its will on us, nor do we want to be less than accommodating to Baltimore City. The situations are inextricably related in this amendment, and it should be voted in its entirety. It is not divisible, and hopefully the amendment will pass.

I think there is a better solution, but I think we ought to get on with it. Therefore to set the matter in focus, I appeal the previous ruling of the Chair saying that this question is divisible and ask that that appeal be put to the Committee of the Whole.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Scanlan has appealed the ruling of the Chair and it has been seconded.

DELEGATE DUKES: Since he made a speech first, will you let me make one?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: I made the motion to divide in the first place, Mr. Gallagher has made a speech, and Mr. Scanlan has made one. Maybe we all ought to make one.

I made the motion to divide for a very simple reason. We are being forced into deciding yes or no. The county must make the election in a certain way. Given the choice at this time I, for one, would favor to retain the state and county election together in Prince George's County.

I think the time is going to come when it would be much better for us to be able to divide our elections, so if I must vote